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THE RUSSIAN DISASTER.

Never before, so far as we can recall, has a great nation at war met with so many or such serious dis asters through accident or blundering as has Russia thus far in her conflict with Japan, says the Tribune. Her first loss, at the outbreak of the war, was due as much to carelessness and blundering as to anything else. Since then much of our East Asia news has been devoted to reports of Russian ships fired upon by Russians through mistake, or damaged by mis placed Russian mines. Now comes a crowning and altogether irreparable disaster. One of the big bat tleships has been destroyed by a Russian mine that had got adrift, and between 700 and 800 men have been lost with her. Nor is that the worst of it. Vice Admiral Makaroff, the commander of the fleet, wen down with the ship. That is the heaviest blow of all The ship may be replaced, in time. Other men may be drafted to fill the places of the hundreds of the erew. But Makaroff's place cannot be filled. We Japanese themselves will regret his fate.

powerful enginery as were their antagonists. With- the idea. powerful ships and munitions with which they are both the popular and technical name by which tree provided. Nor is that to be wondered at. The Rus- or shrub is known. It is further proposed to suspend sians as a nation have not the high civilization of the under such labels a printed summary of interesting Japanese. They have not the general education, and facts pertaining to the range, use, value and charthey have not the special education in the sciences acteristics of the individual plant. Both ideas originand the mechanic arts. While they have been build- ated with Colonel L. L. Hawkins, a member of the ing a great navy, they have not developed a nation local park commission, to whom credit is due for the of expert engineers to use it. They have the guns, airs Portland may legitimately assume in leading the but the men behind the guns are inefficient. It is fin de siecle community of the national capital in one notorious that target practice, torpedo practice and respect at least. similar practical drills, to which the Japanese, like Americans, have paid much attention, have been istic slovenliness and lack of order and precision of upon as the breaking of a papal tradition, as there the Russian peasantry have too often been observed is no recent record of a cardinal so closely attached to aboard the Russian battleships. The lesson of this the papal court going abroad except as an ablegate. agonizing disaster is that all the engines and ex- But Mgr. Satolli had to come unofficially or not at plosives and mechanical devices in the world cannot all. Doubtless he will enjoy his visit and have a replace the human factor, but must always remain much better time than if burdened with official re subservient to it. The personal equation is as dominant sponsibilities. in the problem of naval warfare today as it was in the days of Nelson and Dundonald.

two fleets, and whatever were its results, the loss of ter. The "Novoe Vremya" has discovered what it the Petropaulovsk must alone be regarded as a great calls an "Anglo-Saxon Peril," and predicts that Rusdisaster to the Russians. At the beginning they had sia, France and Germany will soon form a triple alseven battleships to Japan's six. The Retvisan and liance to check it. This "prophecy" seems to be the Czarevitch were long ago disabled, and the re-chiefly valuable for the unharnessed imaginativeness pairs that have been made upon them have not re- it displays. stored them to full efficiency. The Poltava was said to have been injured, but may have been fully restored. Now the Petropaulovsk is a total loss. There remain, then, at most only four, and perhaps not more than three, Russian battleships in complete greasing the wheels of the war god's car, so as to fighting trim. On the other hand, ad six of the Jap- make it move without undue friction, as the other felamese vessels are as sound as ever, and each one of low then pays for the greasing. At least that is the them is stronger than any one of the Russian ships. In such circumstances, the task which lies before the gallant Makaroff's successor is not an enviable one.

ALASKA IN CONGRESS.

the house of representatives discusses bills that are before it, and also of the degree of interest eastern people take of Pacific coast affairs, is shown in a report by one of our Boston exchanges of a recent de- tom to caucus till the night before the convention, Sate on a bill to provide for a delegate in congress but nice customs courtesy to great Kings county. from Alaska, says the Call.

The report says that in the course of the debate "Mr. Granger of Rhode Island briefly discussed the ponent, Bankhead, stole his tactics and "kissed his

States, and Mr. Bowers of Mississippi answered some statements recently made by Mr. Gillett of Massa chusetts regarding violations of the constitutions of some of the southern states with respect to negro suffrage. He made a comparison of the criminal statistics of Massachusetts and Mississippi and said these showed that the negroes in the latter state were six time better than those of Massachusetts. He said that the negro was not fit for self-government and he was greeted with democratic applause when he said the negro, within constitutional limits, should be eliminated as a political factor. 'I thank God,' he added, 'the constitution of Mississippi swept the circle of expedient to accomplish that end.' "

After giving considerable space to all that was said upon the negro question, the report adds: "The Alaska bill was then laid aside and a bill was passed providing for the cession of 120 acres of land in Colorado to the Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association." Of course much allowance is to be made for the burning zeal of the members from Massachusetts and from Mississippi on the negro question, but at least a little attention should have been given to Alaska. It is a big country and its claims for a delegate in congress deserve a hearing.

LABELING TREES.

Washington, D. C., is engaged in a movement that is regarded by its citizens as an example of a some what novel and emulative sort, says the Telegram. After considerable discussion among the park authorities in the national capital, there has come official announcement that a beginning has been made in labeling all the trees in the public parks of the Distriet. That the announcement is considered as indicating a park regulation of novel character is evidenced by the fact that it is made the subject of editorial comment in the Washington Star.

The Washingtonian who thinks that in this commendable move for the edification of the park-visiting public his city is leading all other municiplities in have only to recall the wretched plight of the Port this broad land of ours, should restrain his swelling Arthur squadron before his arrival, and compare that pride until he hears from Portland, Ore. Although with its performances since, to realize in a measure on the sea-swept fringe of the wild and wooly west his value to the Russian navy and the loss that navy as citizens of Portland it is our right to boast of a suffers in his untimely death. He was a brave man, park commission that for more than a year has given a skilful commander and a true patriot, and even the us the benefit of an arrangement similar to that just inaugurated in Washington. It affords us pleasure Some weeks ago, in discussing the comparative to assure our somewhat slower brethren who reside at strength of the two belligerents, we called attention to the center of national activities that results have the fact that, while the Russians had a fine navy, proven the plan to be a highly satisfactory one; and there was reason to doubt whether they were as they are welcome to the further information that disskilled and as efficient in the use of its delicate yet closes a prospective extension and improvement of

sut unkindness, we may now conclude that our doubt. In the local city park theer are approximately 60 was well founded. Upon no other theory is it easy varieties of trees and 40 varieties of shrubs, all of to explain the series of disasters which they have which are plainly designated by labels on zine tags, suffered. They do not seem to know how to use to fastened to the wood with zinc nails, to prevent disadvantage, or even with safety to themselves, the coloration from rust. From these can be learned

Cardinal Satolli's proposed visit to the United neglected in the Russian navy, while the character- States, privately and without a mission, is commented

The "Novoe Vremya" of St. Petersburg "sees" Whatever fighting was done yesterday between the the much-worn "Yellow Peril" and goes it one bet

> By raising the tariff on all oils intended for export from the modest sum of three kopeks per "pood" to ten the Russian government sees a wav of way Russia figures it.

If the thug who killed himself at Hanford to evade the officers proves to be Fahey, the Folsom escape, he has gone on record as doing at least one good act An interesting illustration of the manner in which in his life, that of relieving the people of the cost and trouble of his taking off.

The Democratic dissidents said it was not the cus-

It's too bad about Hobson. But perhaps his op-Business feature of the social system of the United way through," "way down in Alabam."

World's Fair Notes. Miss Ella Barrett of Solomon, Kans.

will exhibit at the world's fair a table cloth valued at \$500.

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Nine cars of exhibits from the republic of Mexico have already arrived at St. Louis where the world's fair Commissioners, preceded them.

The largest electrical switchboard is the world, from which will be operated the enormous power for the exposition will be in the Palace of Ma chinery at St. Louis.

Oregon's state building at the world's fair is a reproduction of old Fort Clatsop, a log structure built from Oregon timber and adjoined by a large corrall formed by upright cedar posts

Steam was turned into the cylinders of the big Allis-Chalmers engine at the world's fair for the first time a few days ago and the largest engine in the world was set in motion. Its speed is 75 revolutions a minute and its generating force 5.000 horse power.

Idaho apples, kept during the winter in cold storage, are the star products of that state's fruit offerings in the Palace of Horticulture at the world's fair. Idaho fruit growers claim that they have Ben Davis ap, ples as firm as winesaps and possessing a flavor that is unknown to the same variety raised in the east.

A brilliant polo season has been planned as one of the world's fair attractions. The leading polo teams of England and America will participate. The polo contests will occur on the Stadium, the program to be arranged by the National Polo Association of the public an opportunity to see many millionaires of two confinents mounted on bob-tailed ponies, sportingly chasing polo balls with the lively en_ thusiasm of school boys in the spirited game of "shinny."



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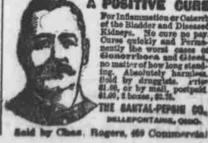
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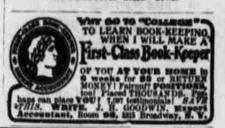
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